

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-10. Cancelled.

--11. (new) A composition for the treatment of diseased, injured or abnormal bone, said composition comprising an effective amount of a growth factor and hyaluronic acid, said composition being sufficient to enhance bone growth rate and magnitude and having a viscosity in the range of about 10 to  $10^6$  cP and biodegradability sufficient to persist upon application at a site of desired bone growth for a period of time sufficient to enhance said bone growth rate and magnitude.

12. (new) A composition according to claim 11 wherein said viscosity is about 75,000 cP.

13. (new) A composition according to claim 11 wherein said hyaluronic acid is uncrosslinked.

14. (new) A composition according to claim 11 wherein said composition comprises 0.1 to 4% by weight of hyaluronic acid in solution.

15. (new) A composition according to claim 11 wherein said growth factor comprises bFGF.

16. (new) A composition according to claim 15 wherein said bFGF is present in said composition in a range of about  $10^{-6}$  to 100 mg/ml of said composition.

17. (new) A method of treating diseased, injured or abnormal bone at a site of desired bone growth comprising the step of applying to said site a composition comprising an effective amount of a mixture of hyaluronic acid and a growth factor, said composition being sufficient to enhance bone growth rate and magnitude and having a viscosity in the range of about 10 to  $10^6$  cP and biodegradability sufficient to persist at said site for a period of time sufficient to enhance said bone growth rate and magnitude.

18. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein said viscosity is about 75,000 cP.

19. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein said hyaluronic acid is uncrosslinked.

20. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein said hyaluronic acid in said composition comprises about 0.1-4% by weight of said composition.

21. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein said growth factor comprises bFGF.

22. (new) A method according to claim 21 wherein said bFGF is present in a range of about  $10^{-6}$  to 100 mg/ml in said composition.--